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1. A number of persons arrested in July 1954 as members of an underground organization have been brought to trial. Sentences ranged up to 15 years in prison for two defendants, with lighter terms for the remainder. These persons were arrested during a swearing-in ceremony of a clandestine government which was taking place secretly in the Wawel Church in Krakow. They had been betrayed by one of the organization who allegedly was not satisfied with the post he was to be given by this government.
2. At the secret trial the accused were defended by three lawyers of Lawyers' Cooperative No. 25 in Warsaw, among whose members are Kant (fmu), Nowakowski (fmu), and Nowogrodski (fmu). The military prosecution tried to prove that the United States actually stands behind the activities of this group. The defendants claimed that they were not assisted by any foreign government or emigre organization. They intended only to prepare a government for Poland for the moment the present regime would collapse, and they had no intentions of assisting anyone in overthrowing the present regime. They stressed the fact that they had no faith in the emigre organizations which have no understanding for the new spirit in Poland.
3. The defense built its case on the insane behavior of the defendants and their simple-mindedness, but the prosecution demanded severe punishment on grounds that this organization allegedly already had thousands of adherents, mainly citizens of Krakow.

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